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PCT/US99/04178

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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IEEE Conferences, Journals and Standards; Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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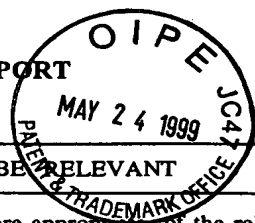
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